AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the title of the invention as follows:

IMAGE INPUT SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF OPERATION MODES, ITS CONTROL METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on Page 17, Lines 8-10, of the specification as follows:

"The STI starts an associated application in correspondence with the message of each mode. As previously discussed, STI (Still Image Captures Architecture and Interfaces) is prepared as a software I/F for digital cameras. Fig. 5 shows this process."

Please rewrite the paragraph bridging Pages 5 and 6, which commences on Page 6, Line 13, and ends on Page 6, Line 2, as follows:

"(3) Divided image synthesis function: In order to sense a panoramic image which cannot be sensed by single image sensing, image sensing is divisionally done a plurality of number of times. These images are automatically stitched by PC synthesis software (to be referred to an stitch synthesis software hereinafter) to form a panoramic image. Upon synthesis, since a common region in neighboring images is detected to automatically recognize the synthesis position, the neighboring images must have common portions. To facilitate such image sensing, the camera has an image sensing mode called a stitch assist mode. At this time, as shown in Fig. 2, a preview image 4b is displayed while displaying a previously sensed image 4a on an LCD, so that the user can easily find the common portion (overlap region). Note that, reference numeral 5 denotes a release switch."

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Please rewrite the paragraph bridging Pages 17 and 18, which commences on Page 17, Line 22, and ends on Page 18, Line 5, as follows:

"If images are present, the browser software sends an image transfer request to the camera in step S604. The camera checks if the received message is an image transfer request (step S605), and then checks if all images have already been transferred (step S606). If images to be transferred still remain, the camera sends image data to the browser software in step S608, otherwise the camera moves on to step S607. The browser software receives the image data in step S609, and displays that image data on the PC screen in step S610."

Please rewrite the first full paragraph on Page 19, Lines 5-16, as follows:

"A case will be explained below wherein the mode dial switch is set at the Rec mode 2b. In this case, the on-line image sensing software is started. Fig. 8 shows an example of the on-line image sensing software. An image which is being currently seen by the camera is displayed on a preview area 802 in a window 801 as a preview image. When the user presses an image sensing button 803 at a shutter chance while observing the preview image, the camera senses the image, and sensed image data is displayed on a window 804. When the user presses a save button, the sensed image data can be saved in storage 805 as an image file."

Please rewrite the paragraph bridging Pages 21 and 22, which commences on Page 21, Line 23, and ends on Page 22, Line 4, as follows:

"If images are present, the stitch synthesis software sends a transfer request of images sensed in the stitch assist mode to the camera in step S904. Upon receiving this request, the camera checks if all stitch assist images have already been transferred (S905). If stitch assist image to be transferred still remain, image data is transferred to the stitch synthesis software in step S907, otherwise the camera moves on to step S906."

Please rewrite the penultimate paragraph on Page 23, Lines 21-23, as follows:

"If images to be transferred still remain, image data is sent to the slideshow playback software in step S1007, otherwise the camera moves on to step S1006."